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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2008, to which the time for response expired November 8, 2008. The pending claims, claims 7-8 and 13-16, were rejected. Reconsideration and entry of the following amendments are respectfully requested.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.